

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/735,227	MITCHELL ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
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 All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the interview on 3-15-05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-5, 7-11, 14 and 21-23.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 02 February 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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* Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
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of Biological Material | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date <u>3-15-05</u> 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |
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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Brian Steinberger on March 15, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1, line 6, delete (and) 1st occurrence and insert - - , the attachment socket - -;

Claim 1, line 11, delete (by a stem portion);

Claim 1, line 11, delete (stem portion) 2nd occurrence and insert - - narrow proximal end - -;

Claim 11, delete lines 6-8;

Claim 11, line 11, delete (stem portion) and insert - - hand grip portion of the golf club - -;

Claim 11, line 12, delete (stem) and insert - - hand grip - -;

Claim 11, line 13, delete (stem portion) and insert - - narrow proximal end - -;

Claim 21, line 2, delete (stem portion) and insert - - narrow proximal end - -;

Claim 22, line 3 after the "club," insert - - the golf club having a shaft and a hand grip portion, the hand grip portion and the shaft having a longitudinal axis, - -;

Claim 22, delete lines 5-7;

Claim 22, line 9, after "having a" insert - - first - -;

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Claim 22, line 10, delete (attached to the first stem portion) and insert - - that is attached to and extending upward from a top end of the hand grip portion of the golf club - -;

Claim 22, line 11, delete (stem portion) and insert - - narrow proximal end - -;

Claim 22, line 12, delete (stem portion) and insert - - narrow proximal end - -;

Claim 22, delete lines 16-18;

Claim 22, line 20, after "having a" insert - - second - -;

Claim 22, line 21, delete (attached to the second stem portion) and insert - - that is attached to and extending upward from a top end of the hand grip portion of the golf club - -;

Claim 22, line 22, delete (stem);

Claim 22, line 23, delete (portion) and insert - - narrow proximal end - -;

Claim 22, line 23, delete (stem portion) and insert - - narrow proximal end - -;

Claim 23, line 3, delete (third) and insert - - fourth - -.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art of record does not disclose or fairly suggest the present invention. The cited prior art, Vasquez and Marshall, discloses golfing training devices but lacks the detailed limitations claimed by applicant. In particular, neither reference teaches the single plate comprising a flat narrow end and wider flat distal end. Also, the reference lack the bent and twisted feature.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

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accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Raeann Gorden whose telephone number is 571-272-4409. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Greg Vidovich can be reached on 571-272-4415. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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